MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If educational advancement is the only consideration the chances are less.

PRESIDENT : That is only one of the considerations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know the numerical strength of the Latin Christian Community ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Am I to understand that if a community has got a large number of educated men among them who can possibly get themselves elected..... ...?

PRESIDENT : You are arguing, Mr. Thanu Pillai.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I am not arguing. Is it the view of the Government ?

PRESIDENT : An answer has been given.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

(Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan then handed over to the President a paper for the adjournment of the business of the House).

PRESIDENT : I do not understand the drift of your motion. What exactly is it that you want to discuss ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I want to discuss about the adequacy or the inadequacy of the measures of relief taken by Government to meet the present economic depression.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : We would like to know what the motion is about.

PRESIDENT : Do not be in a hurry, please.

Mr. Damodaran Asan has put into my hands a paper wherein he wants leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing the measures taken by Government to relieve the people from the economic crisis prevailing in the country. When I asked him, he says the point that he wants to raise is the adequacy or inadequacy of the measures that are taken by the Government. Strictly, a motion for adjournment must refer to a definite and specific matter of urgent public importance. So far as the motion that Mr. Asan wants leave to make is concerned, it cannot be said that it refers to a particular specific or definite matter in the sense of a specific event that has recently occurred. It may be very useful to have a discussion upon those subjects, but for the purpose of the provision regarding adjournment motions what we have to see is whether it is a specific matter of urgent public importance. The question of economic depression has been before the country and before this Council for a very long time. Questions relating to the economic depression have been discussed in this Council and a Committee was appointed to go into the matter, find out the reasons for this depression and suggest remedial measures to relieve the distress. That Committee is still at work. In these circumstances, I do not think that the adequacy or inadequacy of the measures taken by the Government till

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[President.]

now is a specific, definite matter of urgent public importance for the purpose of moving an adjournment of the business of the House. I rule the motion out of order.

REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHA RANI REGENT.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government and Secretary to the Legislative Council*) : I beg to announce that the Travancore Food Adulteration Bill received the assent of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent on the 13th Edavom 1106.

Statement laid on the table.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Sir,

Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation II of 1097.

Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Particulars.
VII. General Administration—Heads other than Account Office.	1,835	For the salary of the Special Electoral Rolls Officer, the pay of his establishment, etc.
Do. Do.	1,125	For Election charges.
Do. Do.	650	For meeting the travelling allowance claims of the Special Electoral Rolls Officer and his staff.
IX. Administration of Justice.	6,500	To meet the increased expenditure under batta to prisoners.
XI. Police.	370	To meet the expenditure on account of the temporary addition to the Trivandrum District Police strength of one 3rd grade Head Constable, one 1st class constable and two constables each of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes, for providing Treasury Guard to the Trivandrum Branch of the State Aided Bank Ltd., Alleppey.

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